

NATIONAL PARK SERVICE FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE: NOTICE OF INTENT TO AWARD

This announcement is not a request for applications.

This announcement is to provide public notice of the National Park Service's intention to award financial assistance for the following project activities. *Refer to Section 2. Grants.gov Posting Determination.*

ABSTRACT	
Grants.gov Opportunity Number	P19AS00585
Project Title	Inupiaq Place Names Workshop
Recipient	Maniilaq Association
Anticipated Federal Funding	\$30,000
Non-Federal Cost Share	\$0
Total Anticipated Award Amount	\$30,000
Award Instrument	☐ Task Agreement ☒ Cooperative Agreement ☐ Grant Agreement
Anticipated Period of Performance	9/15/2019 to 9/30/2024
Legal Authority	54 USC 100703 Cooperative Agreement
CFDA # and Title	15.946 Cultural Resources Management
Single Source Justification Criteria	Unique Qualifications
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Section 1. Project Summary

PROJECT GOALS AND OBJECTIVES

The NPS wishes to continue their long-standing efforts to provide opportunities for cooperation with tribal entities and maintain professional relationships with them. Such cooperation is pivotal in the northern regions of Alaska, where the majority of the population is of Alaska Native descent. The involvement of tribal entities, such as Maniilaq, stimulates stakeholder interest in cultural resources stewardship involving federal lands. Maniilaq will help with travel logistics for Northwest Arctic tribal representatives to attend a Place Names Workshop.

STATEMENT OF PUBLIC PURPOSE

Due to difficulties in communications, logistics, and travel in the northern regions, this cooperative agreement is necessary to foster better participation. Tribal entities will be invited to a Place Names Workshop in order to review an existing place names database and to share additional information.

STATEMENT OF WORK SUMMARY

1. Coordinate the administrative, logistical, and travel support for Place Names Workshop members that could not otherwise happen via NPS means.
2. Specify a partnership between the NPS and Maniilaq for the Workshop that provides public stimulation on cultural resources stewardship and management.
3. Increase participation and attendance by tribal entities at the Workshop and overall interest in cultural resource management on NPS lands.

RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE PARTIES

A. The recipient shall be responsible for the following items under this agreement:

1. Provide trained staff to coordinate travel and other administrative logistics for the Place Names Workshop with the NPS, including a full-time supervisor competent in the kind of work required to complete travel and other administrative logistics. The supervisor shall be responsible for supervising staff, for controlling how the work is to be accomplished, and ensuring work is completed in a timely fashion.
2. Provide all travel and transportation arrangements including financial assistance up front to Workshop attendees.
3. All travel must follow Maniilaq's travel policy or in the absence of a formal policy, must follow the government's travel policy.
4. Handle all administrative records required for their purposes to perform #1 and #2 above.
5. Pay all administrative and operating expenses for staff to coordinate travel to the Workshop and request reimbursement from the NPS for those expenses as listed in the budget documents (SF-424A).

B. The NPS Responsibilities:

- ☐ A task agreement is proposed;
- ☒ A cooperative agreement is proposed;

therefore substantial involvement by NPS is anticipated during the period of performance of this agreement. In support of this agreement NPS will:

1. Assign an appropriate NPS employee to organize and monitor the Workshop logistics, in order to respond to questions about the nature and goals of activities conducted, and act as an on-site liaison among the parties to direct technical logistics, conduct orientations as necessary and provide guidance on the NPS goals and mission.
2. Provide a meeting place, including facility support, to host the Workshop and for Maniilaq to coordinate travel to.
3. Provide Maniilaq any educational opportunities regarding the Workshop and topics.
4. Complete any forms Maniilaq requires of the NPS in conjunction with Workshop travel.
5. Reimburse Maniilaq for all allowable costs illustrated in budget documents.
6. The NPS will respond if emergency action is necessary.

- ☐ A grant agreement is proposed, therefore no substantial involvement on the part of the NPS is anticipated for the successful completion of the statement of work. It is anticipated that involvement will be limited to actions related to monitoring project performance and technical assistance at the request of the recipient.

Section 2. Grants.gov Posting Determination

- ☐ The National Park Service intends to award a task agreement under a previously competed or single source justified award.
- ☒ The National Park Service intends to award a single source justified cooperative agreement. Refer to Section 3 *Single Source Justification*.
- ☐ The National Park Service intends to award a single source justified grant agreement. Refer to Section 3 *Single Source Justification*.

Section 3. Single Source Justification

NATIONAL PARK SERVICE SINGLE SOURCE POLICY REQUIREMENTS

National Park Service Policy FAP&P 1443-2015-06 requires a written justification which explains why competition is not practicable. The justification must address one of the following criteria.

In order for an assistance award to be made without competition, the award must satisfy one or more of the following criteria:

- (1) Unsolicited Proposal – The proposed award is the result of an unsolicited assistance application which represents a unique or innovative idea, method, or approach which is not the subject of a current or planned contract or assistance award, but which is deemed advantageous to the program objectives. The unsolicited proposal must demonstrate an innovative capability or concept not currently available to the government, and prepared without Government involvement. ;
- (2) Continuation – The activity to be funded is necessary to the satisfactory completion of, or is a continuation of, an activity presently being funded, for which competition would have a significant adverse effect on the continuity or completion of the activity;
- (3) Legislative intent – The language in the applicable authorizing legislation or legislative history clearly indicates Congress' intent to restrict the award to a particular recipient of purpose;
- (4) Unique Qualifications – The applicant is uniquely qualified to perform the activity based upon a variety of demonstrable factors such as location, property ownership, voluntary support capacity, technical expertise, or other such unique qualifications. Successful past performance, familiarity with existing requirements, capabilities that can be obtained or matched by a competitor, or a positive reputation, are not considered to be unique qualifications.
- (5) Emergencies – Program/award where there is insufficient time available (due to a compelling and unusual urgency, or substantial danger to health or safety) for adequate competitive procedures to be followed.

NPS did not solicit full and open competition for this award based the following criteria:

- ☐ Task Agreement issued under previously competed or single source master cooperative agreement per Section 2 above. Single Source Justification not applicable.
- ☐ Unsolicited Proposal ☐ Continuation ☐ Emergency
- ☐ Legislative Intent ☒ Unique Qualifications

Explanation of the proposed recipient's qualifications or the criteria of the proposed project which requires use of the single source criteria cited.

The project was not considered for competition due to the sensitive nature of working with remote rural users and the importance to those groups of working with a partner that has an extensive history in their regions. Maniilaq is the largest Native Association in the Northwest Arctic region of Alaska that has a good understanding of coordinating with NPS and being a liaison with smaller rural user groups in remote areas. They also have the capability of providing the administrative support necessary to communicate, arrange, and reimburse participants for travel costs. Maniilaq coordinating the travel to this Workshop may further encourage tribal entities to attend because they would know the support is coming from an entity they readily recognize and can relate to. Additionally, Workshop attendees can rest assured that they do not have to worry about financial barriers that prevent them from being able to attend.

Section 4. Department of the Interior Secretary's Priorities

This award will support the following DOI Secretary priority(ies):

Other Key Initiatives:

- ☐ Employment of veterans.
- ☐ Supporting DOI Infrastructure needs.
- ☐ Creating jobs in the American economy.
- ☐ Access to outdoor recreation opportunities.

Priority 1: Creating a conservation stewardship legacy second only to Teddy Roosevelt

- ☐ Utilize science to identify best practices to manage land and water resources and adapt to changes in the environment.
- ☐ Examine land use planning process and land use designations that govern public use and access.
- ☐ Revise and streamline the environmental and regulatory review process while maintaining environmental standards.
- ☐ Review DOI water storage, transportation, and distribution systems to identify opportunities to resolve conflicts and expand capacity.
- ☐ Foster relationships with conservation organizations advocating for balanced stewardship and use of public lands.
- ☐ Identify and implement initiatives to expand access to DOI lands for hunting and fishing.
- ☐ Shift the balance towards providing greater public access to public lands over restrictions to access.

Priority 2: Utilizing our natural resources

- ☐ Ensure American energy is available to meet our security and economic needs.
- ☐ Ensure access to mineral resources, especially the critical and rare earth minerals.
- ☐ Refocus timber programs to embrace the entire 'healthy forests' lifecycle.
- ☐ Manage competition for grazing resources.

Priority 3: Restoring trust with local communities

Be a better neighbor with those closest to our resources by improving dialogue and relationships with persons and entities bordering our lands.

- ☒ Expand the lines of communication with Governors, state natural resource offices, Fish and Wildlife offices, water authorities, county commissioners, Tribes, and local communities.

Priority 4: Ensuring sovereignty means something

- ☒ Support tribal self-determination, self-governance, and sovereignty.
- ☐ Solidify mutual interests between the U.S. and the freely associated states and territories.

Priority 5: Generating additional revenues to support DOI & National interests

- ☐ Ensure that the public receives the full market value for the natural resources produced on Federal lands.
- ☐ Ensure that fees or costs levied for DOI services are reasonable and targeted to achieve cost recovery.
- ☐ Consider the impact of DOI decisions on economic development and job creation.

Priority 6: Protecting our people and the border

- ☐ Actively support efforts to secure our southern border.
- ☐ Ensure DOI law enforcement staffing addresses public safety risks anticipated on DOI land.
- ☐ Promote a "public service" demeanor within our law enforcement community.

Priority 7: Striking a regulatory balance

- ☐ Reduce the administrative and regulatory burden imposed on U.S. industry and the public.
- ☐ Ensure that Endangered Species Act decisions are based on strong science and thorough analysis.

Priority 8: Modernizing our infrastructure

- ☐ Support the White House Public/Private Partnership Initiative to modernize U.S. infrastructure.
- ☐ Remove impediments to infrastructure development and facilitate private sector efforts to construct infrastructure projects serving American needs.
- ☐ Prioritize DOI infrastructure needs to highlight:
 1. Construction of infrastructure;
 2. Cyclical maintenance;
 3. Deferred maintenance.

Priority 9: Reorganizing for the next 100 years

- ☐ Improve alignment and integration of the DOI organizational structure. Redistribute organizational resources (people and funding) to enhance mission achievement and improved public service.
- ☐ Improve organizational alignment with Executive Branch counterparts with major land management assets or influence.

Priority 10: Achieving our goals and leading our team forward

- ☐ Senior executives are expected to provide leadership in achieving goals of the President and the Secretary.
- ☐ The Management Team is expected to:
 1. Ensure cost-effective operations and quality service to the public;
 2. Facilitate organizational cooperation and conflict resolution;
 3. Ensure the workplace environment is conducive to employee productivity and safety;
 4. Hold individuals accountable for actions that violate DOI policies and requirements.

The proposed project does not support any of the DOI Secretary priorities, but the project is being funded for the following reasons: